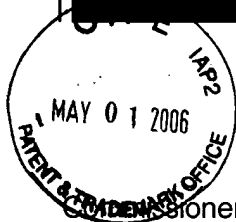


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Column 10, line 59 (Claim 35),
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"operable" should be -- operably --.

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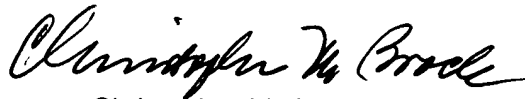
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